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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. ROKN LSTS NOS. 810 AND 815 DEPARTED PUSAN FOR SVN WATERS
AT 1300 HOURS, APRIL 9. LSTS WERE FULLY LOADED WITH FOOD,
CLOTHING, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN UP TO
30,000 REFUGEES FOR THREE DAYS ON BOARD AND THREE DAYS AFTER

DEBARKATION, PLUS ADDITIONAL FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES BEING TRANSPORTED FOR DELIVERY TO GVN. EACH LST IS CARRYING ROK MARINE PLATOON FOR REFUGEE CONTROL AS WELL AS SIX MAN MEDICAL TEAM AND CREW. TOTAL TONNAGE OF SUPPLIES IS CALCULATED BY JUSMAG OFFICERS OBSERVING LOADING AT SLIGHTLY OVER 1,700 MEASUREMENT TONS; VALUE IS ESTIMATED AT \$2.1 MILLION. ROKS HAVE ADDITIONAL 869 MEASUREMENT TONS OF SUPPLIES WHICH COULD NOT BE LOADED ON TWO LSTS AND FOR WHICH THEY NOW LOOKING FOR MEANS OF TRANSPORT. THESE LATTER SUPPLIES VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 MILLION.

2. LST'S ESTIMATED TIME EN ROUTE TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE WATERS IS TEN DAYS. THEY ARE OPERATING UNDER ROK NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND WILL BE IN TOUCH ON ARRIVAL WITH ROK EMBASSY IN SAIGON. LSTS ARE SET UP FOR COMMUNICATION WITH US COMPONENTS BOTH ASHORE AND AFLOAT AND WILL ALSO GET IN TOUCH WITH U.S. COMMANDERS. THEY EXPECT TO REMAIN ON STATION IN SVN WATERS FORTY-FIVE DAYS AND AS INDICATED HAVE PLANNED IN EXPECTATION MOVING ROUGHLY 30,000 REFUGEES IN THAT PERIOD.
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